

REMARKS

Claims 3-21 are all the claims pending in the present application, claim 1 having been canceled by this amendment, and claim 2 having been previously canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

As set forth in the outstanding Office Action dated May 28, 2004, claims 7-21 are allowed, and claims 3-6 stand as objected to by the Examiner. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-6 are directed to allowable subject matter, and note that claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), entry of the foregoing amendment is proper. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, reconsideration, and allowance of all the pending claims.


CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all the pending claims are allowable, and that the present application is currently in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 858-509-4007 if it is believed that a discussion may advance the prosecution of this case.

Applicants believe that no fee is required at this time. If Applicants are mistaken in that regard, please apply any charges or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2212.

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